

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Our friend and colleague, the Honorable Joe Farias  
2 of San Antonio, celebrated his 65th birthday on March 13, 2011; and

3           WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of House District 118, Joe  
4 Farias served this nation in the Vietnam War as a member of the U.S.  
5 Army; returning home, he joined City Public Service in San Antonio  
6 as a machinist, and, after a notable 32-year career with the  
7 municipal utility, he retired as a supervisor of the technical  
8 training section in 2003; and

9           WHEREAS, This knowledgeable civic leader has served on the  
10 boards of the Harlandale Independent School District and the San  
11 Antonio Zoning Commission, and he has further given back to his  
12 community in myriad ways, from coaching Little League to hosting  
13 fund-raisers to help those in need; and

14           WHEREAS, Representative Farias has been a strong advocate for  
15 working Texans since joining the house in 2007; during his tenure,  
16 he has advocated for legislation to assist members of the armed  
17 forces and their families, to help increase the number of young  
18 Texans benefiting from the Children's Health Insurance Program, and  
19 to study an initiative to more effectively reduce juvenile crime;  
20 recognized for his outstanding efforts, he was named Freshman of  
21 the Year by the Mexican American Legislative Caucus; and

22           WHEREAS, In the 81st Legislative Session, Representative  
23 Farias helped to create and then chaired the Texas Veterans Caucus,  
24 an organization of legislators who work together to support

1 pro-veteran legislation, such as expanding college tuition  
2 benefits to spouses of veterans who were killed or disabled in  
3 action; in addition, he was a leader in the effort to recognize  
4 Texas A&M University--San Antonio as a stand-alone campus; and

5 WHEREAS, Now in his third term, Representative Farias serves  
6 on the House Committees of Defense and Veterans Affairs, Elections,  
7 Local and Consent Calendars, and Rules and Resolutions; and

8 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, he enjoys the love and  
9 support of his wife of nearly four decades, Angie, and his sons,  
10 Gabe, Joey, Jaime, and Daniel; and

11 WHEREAS, Joe Farias has proven himself to be a man of  
12 conviction and character, and his birthday provides an opportune  
13 time to honor him for his many good works; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
15 Legislature hereby congratulate the Honorable Joe Farias on his  
16 65th birthday and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued  
17 happiness; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
19 prepared for Representative Farias as an expression of high regard  
20 by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Aycock	Harless	Parker
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H.R. No. 818

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 818 was adopted by the House on March 14, 2011, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House